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ABSTRACT

A summary of the performance of Los Angeles City College (LACC) transfers to the California State University at Los Angeles (CSLA) during the 1973-74 school year, indicates that 719 (84 percent) of the 854 entrants completed some work. Their average first quarter GPA was 2.44 (-0.05 points below their LACC average of 2.49); one-third earned a "B" average or better at CSLA, while 19 percent fell below a "C" average. 38 percent of the transfers selected a major in the School of Letters and Science, 26 percent in Business and Economics, 20 percent in Fine Arts, 3 percent in Engineering; 14 percent were undecided. Highest averages were earned in courses in Education, Physical Education, and Drama. Departments offering the most difficulty were Biology, Economics, and History. Since 1975, the GPA's earned by new LACC transfers to CSLA have ranged from 2.36 to 2.60, with differentials between CSLA and LACC GPA's ranging from -0.13 to +0.21. The author concludes that students who transfer from LACC to CSLA experience little, if any, transfer shock. Tabulated data indicate the number of students transferring in each quarter of the 1973-74 school year; the academic performance of transfer students in their first quarter at CSLA according to quarter of entrance, college major, and department; and the academic performance of transfers from 1957 to 1974. (Author/DC)

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PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

To assess academic performance of recent Los Angeles City College transfers to California State University at Los Angeles, and to compare with past performance.

PROCEDURE OF THE STUDY

Grade reports for transfers from L.A.C.C. are received periodically from the Office of School Relations of California State University at Los Angeles. Each grade report indicates, in addition to courses taken and grades earned, the class and major of the student. The report also indicate "transfer totals," i.e., units carried and grade points attempted at colleges prior to entering State College. For the purpose of this study, these figures are assumed to represent L.A.C.C. performance. A previous study indicated that this procedure would be reasonably reliable. The findings indicated in the next section of this study are based on information obtained from the State University grade reports for the academic year 1973-74.

FINDINGS

Table 1 indicates the numbers of grade reports received for each of the three quarters of the 1973-74 year plus the summer quarter of 1974.

TABLE 1 - Number of CSLA Grade Reports Received by L.A.C.C.

Quarter	1st Semester Transfers			Total entrants
	Some work completed	Withdrawals		
		No penalty	With penalty	
F '1973	339	26	22	387
W '1974	103	12	17	132
S '1974	158	22	12	192
Sum'1974	119	20	4	143
Totals	719	80	55	854

854 students entered CSLA as transfers from L.A.C.C. during the four quarters indicated. 45% of these entered in September, 15% in January, 22% in April, and 17% in the Summer. Of the 854, 135 (16%) failed to complete any work at CSLA during their first quarter. 59% of these withdrawals were without penalty.

Table 2 summarizes the first quarter academic performance of the 719 students completing some work during their first quarter.

Table 3 analyzes performance according to School or Division of major. Table 4 indicates distribution of grades earned (in student's first quarter) in each department at CSLA by the 719 transfers. Table 5 shows, in order of grade point average, the grade point averages earned in departments enrolling 15 or more students. Table 6 and Figure 1 present available data for previous semesters.

TABLE 2 - Academic Performance of L.A.C.C. Transfers in their First Quarter at CSLA, 1973-1974

Quarter	No.	Grade Point Average CSLA	LACC	Diff.	Average Uts.* Attempted CSLA	LACC	Below C Av. CSLA No.	%	B Av.or Above CSLA No.	%
F '73	339	2.46	2.51	-0.05	10.3	102.4	69	20.4	114	33.6
W '74	103	2.37	2.42	-0.05	8.2	100.5	19	18.5	30	29.1
S '74	158	2.47	2.49	-0.02	8.6	103.1	29	18.4	57	36.1
Sum'74	119	2.42	2.49	-0.07	8.8	98.2	22	18.5	38	31.9
Total	719	2.44	2.49	-0.05	9.4	101.6	139	19.3	239	33.2

* quarter units

TABLE 3 - Academic Performance of L.A.C.C. Transfers in their First Quarter at CSLA, 1973-74, According to School of Major

Major	No.	Grade Point Average CSLA	LACC	Diff.	Average Uts. Attempted CSLA	LACC	Below C Av. CSLA No.	%	B Av.or Above CSLA No.	%
Letters & Science (38%)	272	2.47	2.51	-0.04	9.8	106.8	50	18.4	90	33.1
Business (26%)	184	2.29	2.53	-0.24	9.0	107.1	44	23.9	52	28.3
Fine Arts (20%)	141	2.54	2.44	+0.10	9.8	102.4	24	17.0	57	40.4
Engineering (3%)	20	2.53	2.52	+0.01	9.4	77.9	3	15.0	4	20.0
Education (0%)	2	2.42	2.49	-0.07	9.5	69.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Afro (0%)	1	3.80	1.98	+1.02	8.0	129.0	0	0.0	1	100.0
Undecided (14%)	99	2.48	2.42	+0.06	8.7	81.2	18	18.2	35	35.4
Total	719	2.44	2.49	-0.05	9.4	101.6	139	19.3	239	33.2

TABLE 4 - Grades Earned by L.A.C.C. Transfers in their First Quarter at CSIA, 1973-74

DEPARTMENT	A	B	C	D	F	WP	INC.	RAD	CR	N/CR	TOTAL	GPA
Am.Studies	1	7	2		3		1	1			15	2.23
Anthro.	7	14	16	3		1					41	2.63
Art	10	28	15	1	2		2			1	59	2.77
Asian Stds.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	C
Astronomy		3	2								5	2.60
Audiol.	1				1						2	2.00
Biology	4	11	28	10	3		1				57	2.05
Bdcstg.			1								1	2.00
Business	25	78	17	40	17	2	3	1			283	2.19
Chemistry	4	1	9	1	1		1				17	2.38
Chicano Stds.	8	10	4				3	1	1	1	28	3.18
Chinese	2	1									3	3.67
Drama	6	6	5				1				18	3.06
Economics	7	16	30	13	3	1	2				72	2.16
Education	8	5	2						2		17	3.40
Eng'r.	2	2	6	1	1	3					14	2.25
English	18	35	52	9	7	2				3	126	2.40
French	4	2	1				1				8	3.43
Geography	6	10	17	6	1						40	2.35
Geology	4	5	9	2	1			2	2		25	2.43
German	1	1									2	3.50
Hlt.&Safety	12	23	6	1	1		1				44	3.02
History	4	12	24	7	1	2	5	2			57	2.23
Home Econ.	1	9	13	3			2				28	2.31
Ind.Sci.	9	7	6	1							23	3.04
Japanese			2	1							3	1.67
Journalism	2	3	5	2	2						14	2.07
Mathematics	20	20	20	14	9	1	3	1			88	2.34
Microbiology			7	1							8	1.88
Music	31	19	26	6	2	3	2				89	2.85
Nursing		1	1				1					2.50
Pan-Afro Stds	3	15	8	3	1		1				31	2.53
Philosophy	16	15	22	6	2	2	11				74	2.61
PE (Men)	52	29	7	3	2		5	2		1	101	3.35
PE (Women)	14	11	8			1	2				36	3.18
Physics	2	2	8	1	1			1			15	2.21
Police & Crim.	4	11	26	5			1		1	1	49	2.30
Poli Sci.	4	19	27	8	4	2	11				75	1.18
Psychology	25	36	27	14	7		5		1		115	2.53
Pub.Health			1								1	2.00
Recreation		4			2			1	1		8	2.00
Sociology	9	29	34	6	3		5	1			87	2.43
Spanish	6	8	6	2							23	2.78
Speech	3	14	24	9	1		3				54	2.18
Speech Ther.	4	5	7								16	2.81
TOTAL	339	527	632	179	78	20	73	13	8	7	1755	2.50

TABLE 5 - Departmental Grade Point Averages Earned at CSLA by L.A.C.C. Transfers in their First Quarter, 1973-1974

Department	No*	G.P.A.
Education	15	3.46
PE (Men)	92	3.38
Drama	15	3.20
PE (Women)	26	3.20
Chicano Studies	23	3.16
Health & Safety	35	3.03
Industrial Science	19	2.87
Music	72	2.82
Art	51	2.80
Spanish	22	2.77
Anthropology	34	2.64
Chemistry	15	2.57
Pan-Afro	29	2.54
Psychology	98	2.49
English	99	2.42
Geology	24	2.40
Philosophy	53	2.40
Sociology	73	2.37
Mathematics	70	2.36
Geography	35	2.34
Home Economics	27	2.32
Police	49	2.30
Speech	37	2.24
Business	234	2.23
Poli Sci	63	2.23
History	49	2.20
Economics	63	2.18
Biology	46	2.11

* 15 or more

TABLE 6 - Academic Performance of L.A.C.C. Transfers to CSLA, 1957-74

Year	Semester or* Quarter	No.	% Below C Aver.	% B Aver. or Above	CSLA GPA	LACC GPA	Diff.
1973-1974	Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer	719	19%	33%	2.44	2.49	-0.05
1972-1973	Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer	729	14%	40%	2.60	2.52	+0.08
1971-1972	Summer, Fall, Winter **	755	19%	35%	2.46	2.43	+0.03
1970-1971	Fall, Winter, Spring	789	17%	37%	2.48	2.37	+0.11
1969-1970	Fall, Winter, Spring	834	18%	36%	2.48	2.37	+0.11
1968-1969	Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer	779	14%	36%	2.59	2.38	+0.21
1967-1968	Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer	759	16%	35%	2.52	2.40	+0.12
1966-1967	----------	----	---	---	----	----	-----
1965-1966	Fall, Spring	531	22%	27%	2.37	2.35	+0.02
1964-1965	Fall (estimate)	380	27%	21%	2.28	----	-----
1963-1964	Fall	418	21%	23%	2.39	2.41	-0.02
1962-1963	Fall	408	22%	21%	2.36	2.44	-0.08
1961-1962	Fall	400	19%	24%	2.37	2.41	-0.04
1960-1961	----------	---	---	---	----	----	-----
1959-1960	Fall (sample)	---	23%	---	2.37	2.50	-0.13
1958-1959	None	---	---	---	----	----	-----
1957-1958	Fall (sample)	---	23%	---	2.38	2.42	-0.04

* semester prior to Fall, 1967 quarter Fall, 1967 and later. Blanks indicate data not available.

** some discrepancies in data

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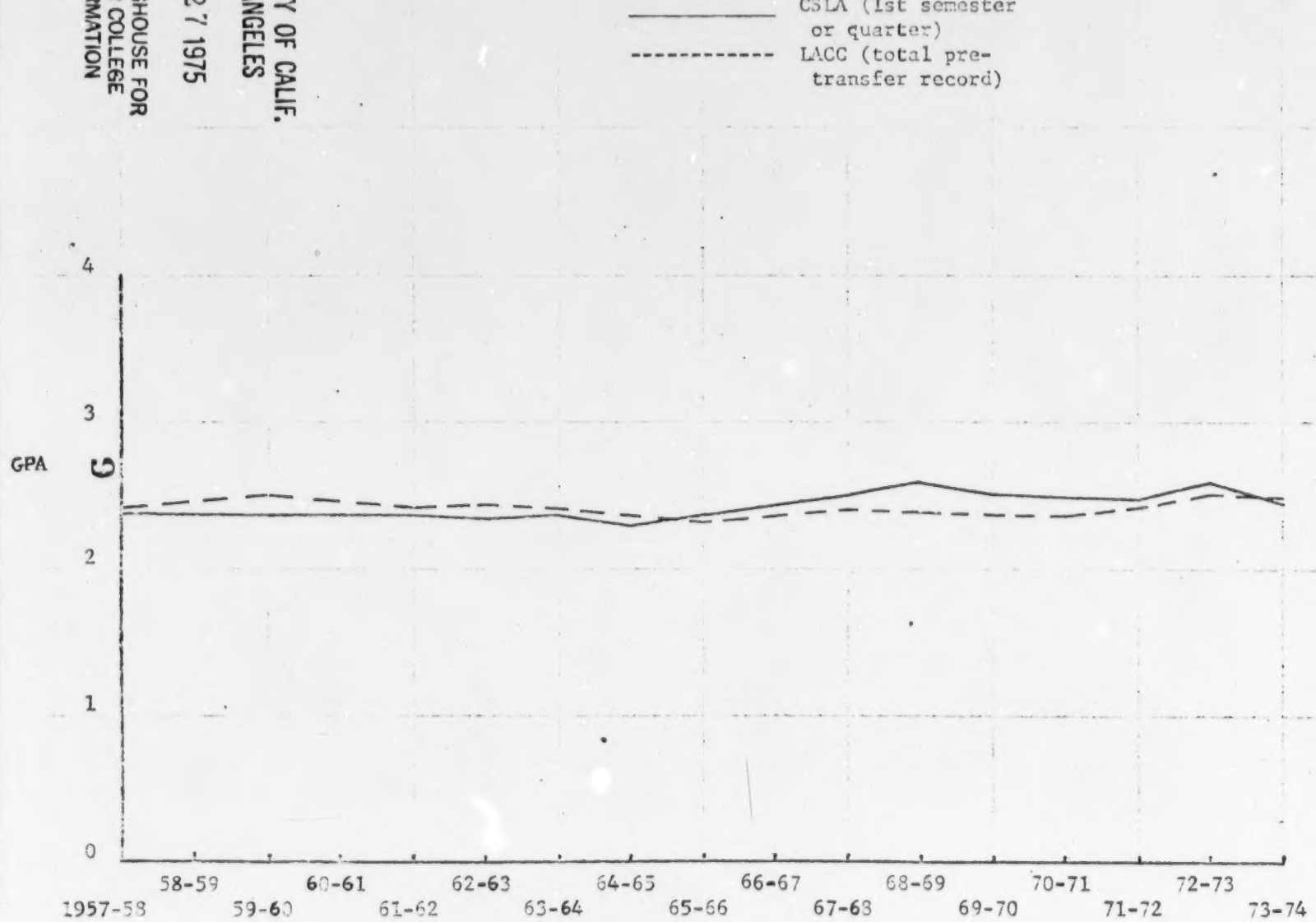
FIGURE 1 - Grade Point Averages Earned by L.A.C.C. Transfers to CSLA, 1957-1974



SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

This study summarizes performance of L.A.C.C. transfers to CSLA during the 1973-74 year. Findings were based on first quarter grade reports for 854 students entering in Fall, 1973, Winter 1974, Spring 1974, and Summer 1974.

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38% of the transfers selected a major in the School of Letters and Science, 26% in Business and Economics, 20% in Fine Arts, 3% in Engineering, with 14% Undecided. Students in Fine Arts earned the highest GPA at CSLA (2.54); students in Business and Economics had the most difficulty, earning a GPA of 2.29.

A total of 1,755 grades were earned by the 719 transfers in 44 different departments. 46% of these grades were A's or B's, 14% D's or F's. Highest averages were earned in courses in Education, Physical Education, and Drama. Departments offering the most difficulty were Biology, Economics, and History although no department enrolling ten or more students showed a GPA below a "C" average.

Over the seventeen year period since 1957, GPA earned by new L.A.C.C. transfers to CSLA has ranged from 2.36 to 2.60, with differential between CSLA and L.A.C.C. GPA's ranging from -0.13 to +0.21. L.A.C.C. transfers to CSLA continue to experience little, if any, "transfer shock."